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Substitute Mayor Opens Greenbelt Council Meeting

by Barbara Hopkins

In a departure from normal procedures, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis did not open the city council meeting on Monday, June 7. Instead, she handed the gavel to Michael Bushema, winner for District 9, Prince George’s County, of the Maryland Municipal League’s “If I Were Mayor” contest for 2010.

Bushema struck the gavel at 8:10 p.m. and after instructing the city clerk to call the roll and offering a moment of silence for the passing of Irene Liggett, Alphonso Gaye and John M. Mongelli, he led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bushema, a fourth grader from St. Hugh School, then read his essay for all to hear.

As mayor of Greenbelt, Bushema said he would encourage volunteerism by using the Labor Day Festival as a forum to solicit people to use their talents to help the community. He suggests assigning children to help clean the lakes and fields at a city cleanup. Adults would volunteer by driv-

ing children to cleanup sites or by taking senior citizens to the Community Center.

A fundraiser, “Race for Cleanup Day,” would help pay for the supplies for the cleanup. Children would walk around Greenbelt Lake, earning money from sponsors for each trip around the lake.

Support Volunteers

Bushema would show his appreciation to volunteers by recognizing them at the Labor Day Festival and giving them the opportunity to make a speech.

As the contest winner, Bushema received a certificate from the Greenbelt City Council and a bag containing a water bottle, sun visor, T-shirt and mouse pad from Get Active Greenbelt; a beach towel from Eleanor Roosevelt High School; and a free one-day pass to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Maya Haughton, a fourth grade student at Greenbelt

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Council Endorses Senate Transportation, Jobs Bills

by Barbara Hopkins

There may be some good news for people concerned about service cuts and fare increases in public transportation. On May 25 the U.S. Senate introduced the Public Transportation Preservation Act of 2010 (S. 3412), which will provide two billion dollars in grants for transit agencies to preserve vital services.

In an email to Greenbelt City Councilmember Konrad Herling, Stephen Davis of Transportation for America said the “bill will go a long way toward relieving the pain,” adding, “It’s up to us to make sure it gets passed.”

Davis said the bill would provide “a temporary bandaid” that will help the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMTA) “a great deal.” Problems with the local transit authority are so large, however, that some changes will have to be made in order to address its large budget

deficit. Increased fares and reduced services could not be ruled out, even with this bill.

The Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to lend support to this bill at its meeting on June 7.

Local Jobs Act

If passed, the Local Jobs for America Act (H.R. 4812) will provide up to \$75 billion over two years to local governments, community-based organizations and states to save and create local jobs and funding for 50,000 on-the-job private-sector training positions. The Greenbelt City Council voted on June 7 to support the bill at the request of Mayor Judith Davis.

Distribution of funding would be based on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), with

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Council Okays Small Increase In Fiscal Year 2011 Tax Rate

by Diane Oberg

With more angst than usual and with two of the more senior members voting no, the Greenbelt City Council approved, on a 4 to 2 vote, the budget for Fiscal Year 2011, which begins July 1. The budget will result in a 0.4-cent increase in the city’s property tax rate along with increases in fees for refuse collection and passes to the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Emmett Jordan, Leta Mach and Silke Pope voted for adoption; Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against. Councilmember Edward Putens was not present.

Cost-cutting measures in the budget include closing the city’s postal unit, earlier closing hours for the Aquatic and Fitness Center and discontinuation of the Greenbelt New Year celebration. After all changes were tallied, total city expenditures were trimmed from City Manager Michael McLaughlin’s proposed \$24.93 million to \$24.87 million.

Council made few changes to the proposed budget: they cut their own training budget, in line with McLaughlin’s cut in staff training, granted the city manager a pay increase and restored contributions to nearby fire depart-

ments serving Greenbelt. Other reductions come by delay in filling the Recreation Department director vacancy, cutting donations to some city contribution groups, increasing contributions to a couple other organizations and trimming the proposed transfer to the Replacement Fund.

The remaining changes to the manager’s proposed budget reflected improved estimates and information or distribution from a citywide fund to individual budget categories of staff’s performance pay.

Council Comments

Prior to the vote, each of the councilmembers explained how they planned to vote and why. Davis spoke first, saying she could not vote to increase taxes so she would be voting no. She said she had worked to find savings that would eliminate the need for a tax hike while providing adequate reserves but was unable to convince her colleagues to make sufficient cuts to avoid the tax increase.

Herling called the final work-session the toughest he had experienced. He said he had tried to forestall the tax increase by further delaying the hiring of a new recreation director. “However, I

have a terrible habit of listening to people,” he said. By doing so, he learned that the Recreation Department is under a lot of stress that would be worsened by the proposed delay.

He also wanted to maintain adequate city reserves. Herling said council had met the challenge for the coming year despite cuts in funding from the state and county.

He closed by saying the city needed to be more proactive to attract businesses other than dollar stores and to bring in funds from other sources. Herling voted for the revised budget.

More Comments

Mach, noting this was her seventh time through the budget process, voted for the budget. She said she had suggested reductions to grants given to some city contribution groups; she urged all such groups to be sure they are complying with the city’s guidelines.

In order to support those most in need, she wanted to make sure the homeowners tax credit was left untouched and supported granting funding to nearby fire departments that serve the city.

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Robert Goddard French Immersion Teacher Is McAuliffe Educator

by Barbara Hopkins

Peter Mills, sixth-grade science teacher at Robert Goddard French Immersion School in Seabrook, has been selected by a committee of his peers in Prince George’s County as the recipient of the 2010 Christa McAuliffe Outstanding Teacher Award.

“Teachers nominated for the annual Christa McAuliffe Award represent some of the best teaching talent in our county,” said Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., superintendent of schools. “Because recipients for the award are selected by peers who understand the challenges of teaching, it is a very special honor.”

Mills was honored during the school system’s annual Employees’ Recognition Dinner on May 26 at Martin’s Crosswinds in Greenbelt. His name will be inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Board of Education Meeting Room of the Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

Mills described his response to the award as “emotional.” He said the entire school community shares the award with him and that students have reason to be proud of all the faculty at the



Peter Mills

knowledge, communication skills, leadership skills, community involvement, professional development and ability to motivate students.

Education

Mills earned a diploma in French instruction and a certificate in computer systems from the University of Toulouse in France. While living and studying there for seven years, he earned a diploma in Technical French from the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Paris and in 2007 went on to earn the U.S. equivalent of a master’s degree from the University of Toulouse.

Mills chairs his school’s Science Department, sponsors and coordinates K-8 Science Enrichment Programs, is a member of the School-based Management Team, acts as SAFE study group facilitator, is Job-alike Mentor, facilitates the Comer School Program and serves as teacher liaison for his school’s Parent Teacher Association.

In addition, Mills cultivates partnerships with local

See **MILLS**, page 6

What Goes On

Friday, June 18
8 to 10 p.m., Family Night at the Aquatic and Fitness Center
Monday, June 21
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.
Tuesday, June 22
7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building
Wednesday, June 23
8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Planning Education/Training, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist congregation thanks the entire community for their outpouring of love and support. Our “breathe easy” barbeque lunch was a great success. We have reached 2/3 of the purchase price of the O2 concentrator. It has arrived and Karen is breathing easier. She was overwhelmed by the response and thanks everyone who helped.

Mowatt will continue to raise funds to assist Karen and intends in the future to help others in need.

Betty Kolbe
Mowatt Memorial
United Methodist Church

New Americans

Your article about the New American citizens was truly appreciated.

However, I do want to bring to your attention that I was also present as a member of City Council. It was of great importance to me to attend this very exciting ceremony. Historically, five years ago I was standing on the receiving end of this honor. As a naturalized citizen myself, my attendance as a show of support to this valued group of new citizens was very important to me.

I am sure this was an unfortunate oversight regarding my not having been mentioned as present.

Silke Pope
Greenbelt City Council

Honor Commitments

The letter in the June 3, 2010, News Review concerning the fraud/theft by a former Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) employee should not go unacknowledged, as it raises some legitimate concerns that are shared by GHI management as well. No one is as disheartened by the various circumstances as we are. When a situation such as this occurs, my job as General Manager is to ameliorate the damage and move ahead. We have learned lessons from this incident and have put in place some significant process changes, including the expansion of our criminal background checks from statewide to nationwide on each employee applicant.

A full report was provided to the Board and was shared with members during the annual meeting. No question was left unaddressed at that time. Should any member have further questions or wish to have a personal meeting with me, I will be happy to speak or meet with them.

We understand the concern that members may have as a result of this incident and we are taking additional steps to safeguard members’ personal information in the most viable manner. Members’ personal information, the co-op’s money and members’ maintenance needs are always at the forefront of my considerations. My goal is to honor the commitments I make to the Board of Directors and each and every member to the best of my abilities.

Gretchen Overdurff
GHI General Manager

Heartwarming Memorial Day

It was heart-warming to see the large crowd at the Memorial Day celebration at Roosevelt Center this year and to see every single one of our Greenbelt councilmembers on the stage. Mayor Judith Davis’ account of a military funeral service she attended at Arlington National Cemetery was especially moving.

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 has been holding these programs every Memorial Day and Veterans Day for many, many years. They also conduct a “Post Everlasting” service each spring to honor their members who have died during the year.

As a member of the Legion Auxiliary and the widow of a World War II vet, I appreciate their dedication more and more each year. They will never let us forget our veterans.

Kathleen McFarland

It’s Time to Nominate Outstanding Citizen

With Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, all Greenbelters are asked to be on heightened alert for this year’s Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you!

Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and their high visibility within organizations. Or they may touch others in a quiet way and are characterized

by a strong sense of compassion and a desire to serve.

While a Committee will select 2010’s Outstanding Citizen, that selection – the 38th since the award began in 1973 – is made from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify our City’s outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form (on this page). Describe, in your own words, your nominee’s contributions or acts of kindness.

Nominations are due by August 2, 2010. The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The Committee encourages nominators to be persistent.

We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt’s special events!

Bob Zugby,
Chair
Outstanding Citizen
Selection Committee
94 Ridge Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2065

Correction

In naming the Greenbelt City Councilmembers present at the June 6 Naturalization Ceremony article on page one last week, there was a very glaring omission – that of Councilmember Silke Pope, herself a naturalized citizen of five years. Her presence and newly-naturalized status was especially noted in the comments made and for Pope herself, this naturalization anniversary is a very special one. She was definitely present and the News Review regrets that she was not mentioned in the article.



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 2 to:
Robert Zugby, Chair
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee _____
Address _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person’s good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the August 2nd deadline.

Nominated By:		
Name(s) (please print)	Signature(s)	Phone

Grin Belt



“Flash floods, oil spills . . .
give me some good news!”

On Screen

Give & Take in the Big City

Opening this Friday, June 18 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre is “Please Give.” An active, well-to-do couple in Manhattan (Oliver Platt and Catherine Keener) want to expand their apartment into the one next door but the frail, elderly tenant (Ann Guilbert), tended by her granddaughter and occasionally her sister, holds tight. Fraught with tugging emotions, the film – written and directed by Nicole Holofcenet (“Friends with Money”) – explores a wide, telling range of behavior.

Rated R for sexual content, nudity and profanity. Running time: 90 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for June 21 through 25:

Monday – Grape juice, London broil with mushroom gravy, stuffed baked potato, Brussels sprouts, Caesar salad with garlic croutons, apple pie with vanilla ice cream (Premium meal).

Tuesday – Chicken noodle soup, oven-fried chicken, macaroni salad, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday – Apple juice, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas and onions, stewed apples.

Thursday – Orange juice, meat lasagna, garden salad, California mixed vegetables, yellow Jello with fruit.

Friday – All sites closed for senior flea market.

GHI Notes

Thursday, June 17, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

Monday, June 21, 7 p.m., Communications Committee – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, June 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

Friday, June 25, Offices Closed (Emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011.)

Monday, June 28, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, June 29, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Blood Drive Here Is Tue., June 29

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held on Tuesday, June 29 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

An urgent need for blood makes it important to have a large turnout. To make an appointment call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

More Community Events see pages 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 12

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Book Written by GMS Students Now on Sale

“Stone Unturned,” a book of poetry written by Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) students was released for sale at the Largo Borders Book Store on Tuesday, June 15. Student authors read their poems and signed the books sold.

The book was produced by 7th and 8th grade GMS students working in the Book-in-a-Day program, whose motto is “One School. One Day. Thirty Students. One Book.” Working on the project for two days each in May and June the students were helped by published writers. The school library was converted into a publishing house where the cover was designed, the poems proofread and the foreword written.

Book-in-a-Day is a nonprofit educational services company that fosters literacy skills by providing one-day workshops on writing and publishing.

Open Microphone For Kids Sunday

There will be a Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, June 20 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Children age 17 and under are invited to perform, play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem, etc.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrndr@yahoo.com.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The “traveling Golden Agers” are back from a terrific trip to the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. We saw several shows, had a guided tour of the Smoky Mountain National Park and ate lots of good food.

Many thanks to Mary and Barry Moien for planning and leading this fun trip. Maybe we can convince them to take us on another one.

The club will play bingo on June 23 and 30. Jessica Mealey will present some products.

Come out to Golden Age Club meetings and bring a friend.

Remember friendship is like chocolate – there’s no such thing as too much!

Hunting Ridge Board Meets Wednesday

The Hunting Ridge condominium committee board of directors will meet at 7:30 pm. on Wednesday, June 23 in the clubhouse. All members of the association are invited to attend.

June Peace Month Programs Continue

June, designated as Peace Month in Greenbelt, includes the following activities that seek to promote peace, justice and diversity.

Friday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.: An open meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group on “Poems for Peace” at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Sunday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to noon: A nature walk guided by Joe Murray, starting at the end of Northway and featuring “The History of the White Pine as a Symbol of Peace.” It is sponsored by the Friends of Beaver Dam Creek.

Monday, June 21 at 7 p.m.: The monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal with a showing of the film “Refusing to Be Enemies: the Zeitouna Story” about Jewish and Arab women seeking Middle East peace, followed by discussion. Sponsored by the Reel & Meal and Peace & Justice Coalition at the New Deal Café, a vegan buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27 at 7 p.m.: A talk by Maureen Fiedler of Interfaith Voices on “Shalom Salaam, Peace, Namaste: Religion and 21st-Century Peace-Building.” Held at the Greenbelt Community Church the talk is sponsored by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association.

Greenbriar Holds Ice Cream Event

A free ice cream social will be held for members of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks. The event will be on Saturday, June 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the picnic area near the Greenbriar Community Building.

Refusing to be Enemies

2007 Documentary about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Discussion moderated by
Director Laurie White &
Kay Halpern

Monday, June 21, 7 pm
New Deal Cafe

Vegan Meal at 6:30 pm

ERHS Grad Night Com. Donates \$500

“Statistics show that Graduation Night is potentially the most dangerous night of a high school student’s life due to drinking and driving accidents. Today, parents, teachers and communities are coming together to turn these statistics around.”

These comments prefaced a thank you letter to the city from Mary Hendley, co-chair of ERHS Grad Night 2010. She reports that the event was a “huge success” and that Youth Center staff were “truly outstanding.” Recreation Coordinator Kayode Lewis was singled out as being “pleasant, professional and was instrumental in ensuring the success of our endeavor.”

In appreciation, the Grad Night 2010 Committee made a \$500 donation to the city. “Kudos to the Recreation Department, especially Kayode Lewis,” commented City Manager Michael McLaughlin.



OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF June 18

Please Give

(R)

Friday
*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday
*3:30, *5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday
*3:30, *5:30, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.50
Now accepting Visa, Discover and MasterCard for ticket sales only.
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

The new Maryland Women’s Heritage Center described in last week’s News Review is located at 39 West Lexington Street, Baltimore. Phone: 410-767-0675.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of JUNE 18

FRI. – SAT.
Splice, R (!!)
11:50, 2:20, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
The A Team, PG-13 (!!)
11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35
Toy Story 3D, G (!)
11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 8, 10:35
The Karate Kid, PG (!!)
12:20, 3:40, 7, 10:20
Killers, PG-13
11:50, 2:30, 5:30, 8, 10:20
Jonah Hex, PG-13 (!)
11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
Shrek Forever After, PG
11:50, 2:45, 5:30, 7:40, 10:20
Marmaduke, PG
12:20, 2:40
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time, PG-13
5:10, 7:50, 10:35

SUN.
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Jonah Hex, PG-13 (!)
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Shrek Forever After, PG
11:50, 2:45, 5:30, 7:40
Marmaduke, PG
12:20, 2:40
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time, PG-13
5:10, 7:50

MON. – TUE.
Splice, R
12:50, 4, 6:45, 9:20
The A Team, PG-13
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Toy Story 3D, G (!)
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The Karate Kid, PG
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Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time, PG-13
6:45, 9:20

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Greenbelt Arts Center

Opening June 18th: Twelfth Night

June 18 – 27th
Friday & Saturdays at 8:00 PM
Sunday Matinees at 2:00PM

Tickets are \$15 general admission, and \$12 for seniors and students.

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

COMING SOON:
July 3 - Neil Young Tribute Show

Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770

Obituaries

Sylvia Reisher

Sylvia Reisher, 67, died on Saturday, May 22, 2010, after a long and strong 14-month battle with lung cancer.

Born Sylvia Leibowitz, she came to Greenbelt after her divorce from Joel Gregory Reisher and raised her sons Dennis and Gregory Reisher alone. They lived on Eastway and Lakecrest Drive.

In Greenbelt she met another Greenbelter Patrick Gainor at a suicide prevention hotline. Both Sylvia and Patrick were active in the Greenbelt life style.

Sylvia was a member of Mishkan Torah synagogue. She worked as a department head for the Prince George's County Department of Aging for 20 to 25 years. When she retired they moved to Romney, West Virginia.

She is survived by her husband James Patrick Gainor; children Dennis Reisher and his wife Randi of Owings Mills and Gregory Reisher of Washington, D.C., Cheri Gainor of Bowie, Jim Gainor and his wife Babette of Bowie; sister Freda Wollman of Greenbelt; brother Harry Leibowitz and his wife Susan of Gaithersburg; grandchildren Josh Gainor and Lance Kennedy; a special friend Bonnie Speak; and loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services and interment were held at Beth Israel Adath Israel Cemetery on May 25.

Joseph Hromulak

Joseph Francis Hromulak, 93, a long-time Greenbelter died on June 13, 2010. He was born February 6, 1917, in Barnesboro, Pa.



He and his wife Margaret Fetsko Hromulak had been members of St. Hugh's Church since the early 60s. He sang in the choir for many years.

Mr. Hromulak was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus, the Greenbelt American Legion and the Disabled Veterans of America.

He was a barber and was famous for giving Senators slugger Frank Howard his trademark flattop.

Mr. Hromulak played minor league baseball before WWII and continued his love of baseball throughout his life.

He served in the Army during WWII in the Pacific. He was called into active duty 10 days after marrying Marge and three months later he suffered a grave injury which cost him his right eye. He received a Purple Heart and several other medals for his valor. In fact, his faith saved him that fateful day. Joe was in a fox hole, had just finished praying the rosary, put the rosary in his pocket and then placed his helmet over his face to take a short nap. A grenade then exploded and he was the only one who survived.

One of his greatest joys was

playing with his grandchildren and great grandchildren – especially when they were young. He had a special touch with babies; he could get them to stop crying and start smiling right away. And he loved having multiple grandchildren/great-grandchildren sitting on his lap and surrounding him on the couch.

Mr. Hromulak was preceded in death by his grandson Leonard and his son-in-law James.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margaret Fetsko Hromulak; daughters Mary Ann Lewis, Margaret Holt and her husband Richard and Frances Bernhards and her husband Robert; grandchildren Kimberly Buehler and her husband Lawrence, Kelli Luli and her husband Shawn, Karen Cole and her husband Bradley, Kathy Baumann and her husband Kirk, Adam Holt and his wife Shannon, Dustin Holt, Cory and Kirsten Bernhards; great-grandchildren Sarah and Jamie Buehler, Jordan and William Luli, Lily Cole, Lewis and Gregory Baumann and Margaret Kathryn Holt.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, June 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. The funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 18, 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.

Maureen Fiedler to Talk At Community Church

Maureen Fiedler will present an Interfaith Perspective on Peace in an open meeting at the Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday, June 27 at 7 p.m. The title of her talk is "Shalom, Salaam, Peace, Namaste" or the God in me salutes the God in You – Religion and 21st Century Peacebuilding. The program is part of Peace Month in Greenbelt.

Fiedler is host of "Interfaith Voices," a National Public Radio program that airs on WAMU (88.5 FM) in the Washington area on Sunday afternoons. She has been involved in interfaith activities for more than three decades as an active participant in coalitions working for social justice, racial and gender equality and peace. Her special interests lie at the intersection of theology and public policy.

She is the editor of a new book (June 2010) entitled "Breaking through the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Religious Leaders in their Own Words." She holds a Ph.D in government from Georgetown University and is a Sister of Loretto.

Ikebana Exhibit

Ikebana artists from throughout the US and Japan present a free exhibit at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum as a tribute to their teacher, the late Mary Sugiyama, on June 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sogetsu ikebana is a modern style of the Japanese tradition of flower arranging.

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Worship Service 10:00am

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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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• Wednesdays
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7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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Municipal Building



Condolences to Margaret Fetsko Hromulak and the family of longtime Greenbelter Joseph Hromulak, who died June 13 at the age of 93.

Our sympathy to Freda Wollman on the death of her sister, former resident Sylvia Reisher on May 22.

Congratulations to:

– Jason P. Kenworthy, the son of News Review staffer Sharon Kenworthy, who received a Master of Science degree in geology from Oregon State University on June 12.

– A very Happy Birthday to News Review staffer, news editor and president emeritus Elaine Skolnik, who celebrates a milestone 85th year this week and who celebrated Sunday with all her various families – blood, marriage, old neighbors, current neighbors and current and former News Review staffers.

The Greenbelters on the “Mary and Barry” tour of the Smoky Mountains, many of whom were from the Golden Age club, had a wonderful time and are clamoring for more. The Moiens, in their first venture as tour leaders, made it so much fun.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Star Party Saturday At Northway Fields

The public is invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a star party Saturday evening, June 19, at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway Field. In addition to the telescope in the observatory, several members will have set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 9 p.m.

Objects to be observed include the moon as well as planets Saturn and Mars. In addition, several nice star clusters and nebulae may be seen. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this fascinating hobby.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in ball field lot, not up on the hill.

ACE Science Club To Meet Thursday

The ACE science club will meet next Thursday, June 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center for science experiments, explorations, magic tricks and more. The program is free to all Greenbelt children 8 to 14.

The ACE Science Club and the ACE Reading Club are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and administered by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING/
FY 2011 BUDGET ADOPTION
June 21, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building**

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010, in the Amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for Additional Debt Service Fund Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount
-1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
-2nd Reading, Adoption

-A Resolution for Re-Appropriation of Funds with Departments in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010
-1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
-2nd Reading, Adoption

- An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt to Issue One or More Tax Anticipation Notes in Amounts Not to Exceed \$3.5 Million Dollars in the Aggregate in Anticipation of the Receipt of Current Taxes and Other Revenues, Directing that the Proceeds of Said Notes Shall be Used for General Fund Operating Expenses Heretofore Authorized; and Providing for the Sale of Said Notes by Private Negotiation to Old Line Bank
-1st Reading

-A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 1047 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland Effective July 1, 2010
-1st Reading

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 1049 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, effective September 7, 2010
-1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Xfinity Briefing
- Smoking Policy at Green Ridge House
- Letter of Support – Research to Aid in Preservation of Stein Garden Communities
- Other Reports
- * - Maryland Municipal League Bylaws Amendments
- *- Resignation from Advisory Committee on Education Report
- Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers
- * Reappointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

The shelter has adorable kittens and other pets ready to become part of your family! Visit the shelter at 550-A Crescent Road. Open visitation on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. 301.474.6124.



The shelter is in need of cat litter, canned cat food, and detergent. Please bring all donations to the shelter. The box at the Co-op is not for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, and Board of Appeals. For information call 301-474-8000.

For Greenbelt news and information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov. Join the City of Greenbelt on FACEBOOK!

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 21-25

Monday, June 21 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, at Muncpal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, June 22 at 7:00pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, at Municipal Building

Wednesday, June 23 at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Planning Education/Training at the Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

FAMILY NIGHT at the AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

Friday, June 18th from 8-10pm
Admittance to the pool will be \$3.00 for all families, including passholders. Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun!

Family Swim Night is designed to give families an opportunity to spend an evening together in a recreational atmosphere. Entering families must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1.00 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of three non-family members per group. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Indoor Pool.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 301-397-2204.

REGISTER FOR THE FOLLOWING GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS.

SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP: Held on Mondays from 5pm-6:15pm from July 12-August 23rd. Meets at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Build your self esteem and challenge your inner critic. You will learn new techniques to better handle your mistakes and respond to criticism, set and achieve positive life goals, and most importantly learn self-acceptance. Participation is free, but workbook is \$13. Workshop is for adults.

FREE BABYSITTING COURSE: Monday, July 12 from 10p.m. - 1p.m., at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Targeted toward students completing grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention. Students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to participate in Greenbelt CARES' ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program.

SUMMER MINI-SESSION OF GED: July 6-28. Registration will be held on July 6th at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road at 10:30am. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays GED I: 10:30a.m.-12:30pm and GED II: 1pm-3pm. Course is free for Greenbelt residents but textbooks and calculator must be purchased. Course is \$175 for non-Greenbelt residents.

TUTORING CAMP: For Greenbelt students completing grades 2-6. Wednesdays, July 7-28th from 9a.m.-12 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Space is limited. Students participating in the program are required to fill out a registration form. Greenbelt residents have first priority. There is a \$15 charge for the program, to cover the cost of tutoring materials. There is great demand for this program and space is limited. Therefore, students must be registered in advance.

FOR REGISTRATION/GENERAL INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS CALL 301-345-6660 OR VISIT THE GREENBELT CARES SECTION AT www.greenbeltmd.gov.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP AND AFTERNOON CLASSES ON THE VIOLIN, GUITAR, MUSIC MIND GAMES, DANCE AND MORE. DOWNLOAD THE RECREATION BROCHURE AND THE CAMP BROCHURE FROM WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV OR CALL 301-397-2200

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

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Michael Bushema, District 9 winner of the Maryland Municipal League’s “If I Were Mayor” contest, was recognized for his achievement at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, June 7.

Elementary School, was selected as a District 9 finalist in the contest. She was unable to attend the meeting but in her essay she also said as mayor she would promote

volunteerism, offering a number of suggestions for ways people can contribute to the community as well as various ways the community can give them thanks.

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cities of populations of 50,000 or more receiving direct funding and smaller cities receiving funding passed through the state. The population of the City of Greenbelt, according to the 2000 census, was slightly over 21,000.

The formula provided in the bill for distribution of the funds is based on unemployment numbers (50 percent), poverty level (25 percent) and population (25 percent).

Each city could use up to 50 percent of the funding to retain employees that might otherwise lose their jobs because of insufficient budget. Up to 25 percent could be given to local community-based organizations to hire employees to provide services not usually provided by government employees. Five percent of the funding could be used to administer the program.

No local matching funds are required in the program.

When funding runs out, the local municipality would decide, based on need and local budgets, whether or not to retain the employees.

Education Jobs

The bill also provides \$23 billion to help states support approximately 250,000 education jobs and \$1.18 billion to put 5,500 law enforcement officers to work. It also provides \$500 million to hire or retain fire fighters. These three provisions have already been approved by the House of Representatives.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked that a supporting letter from the city urge an amendment providing for funds to be distributed to all municipalities. He argued that if funds were administered through the state, there would probably be restrictions on how they could be used.

Council agreed to send a letter of support for the bill that would encourage an amendment so funds would go directly to local governments rather than through the state.

State Legislation

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) has made an annual request for the city to submit legislative initiatives that have statewide impact by July 2. Greenbelt normally limits its submissions to two, on the recommendation of staff who consider that strategy more likely of success in achieving backing from MML, which limits the number of submissions to three.

Staff believes that MML will focus on municipal funding issues in 2011. Councilmembers discussed suggesting a repeat of last year’s suggestion on legislation that would give municipalities direct authority to collect fines associated with illegal signs. Mayor Judith Davis said this measure would help defray the city’s costs incurred when Public Works staff must spend time removing and discarding the signs.

Councilmember Leta Mach suggested a repeat of last year’s suggestion for funding and/or incentives for alternative vehicles for city use. She suggested exploring the use of golf carts for short trips around the city.

City Solicitor Robert Manzi said golf carts could be adapted to meet the requirements for traveling on public roads, at least those with speed limits of 25 mph or less.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested another alternative, using natural gas vehicles, which could be run for 20 years, he thought. Mach pointed out that it would still be an alternative fuel vehicle.

A motion to suggest 2011 state legislation covering the ideas discussed passed unanimously.

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However, she said, her main concern was to put the city in good stead for future years, saying finally, “I fear there is worse to come.”

Council newcomer Jordan called the budget experience challenging, with substantial reductions in funding from the state. Greenbelt lost a half million dollars in highway user fees, he noted, and revenues from corporate taxes and the hotel-motel tax were down. He was voting for the budget, he said, although he believes the city should exert greater control over its economic destiny by working to attract the kinds of businesses that will support the city’s quality of life.

Vote Against

Roberts joined the mayor in voting against the budget due to the tax increase. He said it would have been easy not to have this increase. While home values are decreasing, Roberts said, taxes have been going up due to the assessment process. Instead of ignoring that, he said, council needed to show its residents that the city can do with less.

He said council for years had not been willing to be conservative enough so that the city does not always have to rely on tax increases. Roberts said he opposed the cuts in funding to the contribution groups, which he views as a public safety issue. By giving residents things to do, recreation programs help keep crime down, he argued.

Pope briefly stated that she would vote for the budget. The increase is small and she favored putting funds aside for the future. She said it was challenging to go through the budget process and that she voted based on what she thought was best.

Davis closed the discussion saying that while there were some cuts to city services, council is still progressing toward the visioning goals it established two years ago. The city has a quality of life that still attracts a lot of people and could attract additional business.

She had identified 13 unresolved issues, she said, and two more were added by the manager that will have to be addressed in the future. Saying that the “future is not looking all that rosy,” Davis then called for the vote.

Drop-in Soccer Is Sunday, Tuesday

Greenbelt Drop-in Soccer is looking for new players of all skill levels to kick the ball around in a fun, friendly, informal atmosphere. Drop-in soccer times are Sundays at 6 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Meet at the Northway ball fields.

Contact Jonathandmurray@comcast.net for more information.

Festival Notes

Volunteers

The Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the 2010 Festival. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Email laborday@greenbelt.com for more information.

Shuttle

The committee is looking for shuttle drivers. Shuttles run throughout the festival weekend. Email laborday@greenbelt.com to volunteer.

Booths

Booths are available to recognized Greenbelt nonprofit or civic organizations to raise funds and make festival-goers aware of the organization’s existence. Booths must be staffed all weekend from Friday through Monday. For information email laborday@greenbelt.com.

Website

Visit the Labor Day Website at www.greenbeltlaborday.com.



Outstanding Citizen

The search is on for Outstanding Citizen 2010. Nomination forms are available online at the website and must be mailed to Robert Zugby, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 by August 2.

Carnival Rides

The Carnival Midway will open at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 3. Hours will be from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Monday.

Parade

Applications are being accepted for Parade entrants. All applicants must be pre-registered by August 15. Visit www.greenbelt.com/laborday for an application.

Miss Greenbelt

Register now for the Miss Greenbelt Pageants – Princess, Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelt 2010 information is available at www.missgreenbelt.com.

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businesses and agencies to support the school’s science initiatives. He has led Robert Goddard French Immersion students to winning distinguished awards in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), science fairs and coordinated the Final Frontier Science and Technology Competition, working with students and parents to create projects that consistently win the top three places each year.

“Mr. Mills is a very talented educator who has mastered the art of teaching children the way they learn,” said his principal, Kona-Facia Nepay. “He has devised ways to reach at-risk

students through his ‘no limit learners’ program. He treats each student as a unique individual with emotions and specific needs and encourages them to perform at their full potential in class.”

Teacher in Space

Christa McAuliffe taught in Prince George’s County from 1971 to 1978 and was selected from more than 10,000 applicants nationwide to be America’s Teacher-in-Space in 1985. The Prince George’s County award was established as a special tribute after McAuliffe died in the January 1986 explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

Candidates for the award must have at least five years of experience and be certified, full-time teachers. The following teachers joined Mills as nominees for this year’s award: Donna Lauerhahs, H. Winship Wheatley Early Childhood Center; Tara Minter, William Paca Elementary School; M. Michele Rowland, University Park Elementary School; Lauren Szelenyi, Beacon Heights Elementary School; and Sharon Johnsen, Baden Elementary School.

Senior Softballers Win Pair in Bowie

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League beat Bowie Gold in a doubleheader in Bowie on Wednesday, June 9, 16-3 and 18-7. Two home runs by Jason Pendergrass and one by Willie White led the way in the first game, with two other hits by White and two each by John Benish, Tommy Howe and Dave Kerr. Manager Ray Reed pitched.

In the second game, Benish and George Harrison each had three hits while Fred Bohle, Barry Clark and Pendergrass had two apiece. Shortstop Tommy Howe anchored the infield with an error-less day. Rex Powell pitched the first four innings, followed by John Streckel and Reed. Greenbelt now counts nine wins and six losses in a push for first place in its division.

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Fresh 93% Super Lean Ground Beef \$ 2⁹⁹ lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Swiss Steak \$ 2⁹⁹ lb.	Oscar Mayer Meat Wieners Assorted 1 lb. <i>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</i>	Mama Lucia Homestyle Meatballs Assorted 11-12 oz. <i>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</i>

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Lan-O-Lakes Margarine Quarters 1 lb. 99¢	Minute Maid Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz. \$ 3⁰⁰	Land-O-Lakes American Cheese \$ 4⁹⁹ lb.		Boston Market Home Style Family Size Meals Asst. 14-16 oz. \$ 2⁰⁰	Shurfine Boneless Chicken Nuggets or Tenders 10 oz. 3/\$ 5⁰⁰
Health & Beauty	Seafood			Natural & Gourmet	Bakery
Vo-5 Shampoo or Conditioner Assorted 15 oz. 88¢	Fresh Catch Flounder Fillets \$ 5⁹⁹ lb.			Annie’s Homegrown Fruit Snacks Assorted 4 oz. \$ 4⁴⁹	Fresh Store Baked Kaiser Rolls White/Wheat 6 pk. \$ 1⁷⁹
Western Family Coated Aspirin 100 pk. <i>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</i>	Rutters Milk Jugs Assorted 1 gal. \$ 2⁴⁹			Near East Whole Grain Pilaf & Blends Assorted 5-6.25 oz. \$ 1⁹⁹	Fresh Store Baked Raisin Bread loaf \$ 2⁴⁹

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Kidnapping

June 9, 11:24 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two males forced themselves into a person's vehicle at knife-point and ordered the person to drive to a bank and remove money. The person ran from the vehicle and summoned help. No injuries occurred.

Robbery

June 10, 12:08 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A person was approached by six males in a minivan who produced a handgun and demanded money.

Drug Arrests

June 7, 1:36 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 19-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and later released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

June 4, 10:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 22-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citations pending trial.

June 5, 8:45 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School. A nonresident juvenile was petitioned for trespassing on school property and later released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

June 7, 1:37 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A 31-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

June 8, 7:33 p.m., Greenway Shopping Center. A 20-year-old nonresident male was arrested, charged with trespassing on private property and later released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

June 6, 6:23 a.m., 7000 block Mathew Street. A TV, keys, credit cards and currency were taken.

June 6, 11:18 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. Currency was taken.

June 6, 12:57 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. An attempted burglary occurred.

June 7, 1:23 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An attempted burglary occurred.

June 7, 3:22 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. An attempted

burglary occurred.

June 9, 12:28 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. Nothing was taken.

June 10, 12:06 a.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A vacant apartment was broken into. Nothing was taken.

June 10, 7:14 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. An attempted burglary occurred.

Vandalism

June 5, 4:43 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

June 7, 9:05 a.m., Buddy At-tick Lake Park. Graffiti was found on restroom walls.

June 7, 9:30 p.m., Parkway. A rock was thrown through a window.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were stolen. A white 2003 Ford F150 pickup taken June 9 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive was recovered June 10 by Prince George's County Police in the 5700 block J Street in Capitol Heights with no arrests made. Also stolen were a black 1991 Honda Accord with DE tags taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive on June 9 and a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass with MD tags taken from 7 Court Research Road on June 11.

A maroon 1999 Plymouth Voyager reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered June 9 in the Greenbelt Metro Parking Lot with no arrests made.

Eleven reports of thefts from autos were received: 7800 block Hanover Parkway (GPS unit, DVD player and satellite radio), 7200 block South Ora Court (bookbag, memory card and currency), 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (cover for spare tire), 7800 block Somerset Court (GPS unit and currency), 7800 block Mandan Road (GPS unit and currency), 18 Court Ridge Road (GPS unit and currency), 1 Court Southway (tools), 9 Court Southway, three incidents (GPS unit and iPod, GPS unit, camera), 100 block Westway (a work ID, keys and clothes). An attempted theft from auto occurred in the 7800 block Somerset Court.

One act of vandalism was reported when a car window was broken in 7 Court Southway.

Vigil for Gulf Spill Held Last Week

by Paula Clinedinst

Roughly 25 people attended a candlelight vigil in Roosevelt Center last Tuesday evening to protest the Gulf Coast oil spill. June 8 marked the 50th day since the spill occurred and vigils were being held all across the country.

Greenbelt resident Ruth Kastner, a member of MoveOn, the citizen-powered advocacy group, was the organizer of Tuesday's vigil. Mobilized only last week, local MoveOn members got the word out in their cities and coordinated the events. Posters and placards were displayed with phrases such as "BP is killing the Gulf" and "Stop Offshore Drilling." A poster was prominently displayed at the Mother and Child statue that read "Will BP give this bird his life back?" The picture was of an oil-soaked bird and the quote references one recently made by BP Chief Executive Officer Tony Hayward.

The vigil began with a moment of silence. Attendees took turns reading from a fact sheet and testimonials from Gulf Coast residents. Participants encouraged the listeners to donate to three groups that are responding to the disaster: the Gulf Coast Fund for Emergency Renewal and Ecological Health, the Gulf Restoration Network and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana.

"Our country is overly obsessed with oil," said Barbara, 11, "and it's causing companies to ruin oceans just to power cars." Running throughout the vigil was the concept that Congress should end the United States' dependency on oil. "This disaster is an opportunity for American people to realize there are other sources of energy," said Jet.

One attendant referred to the disaster as "the largest chemical experiment ever conducted." Another attendee, David Levy, asked the crowd to consider our closeness to the Chesapeake Bay and to think of this disaster in terms of how the families of the watermen here would be affected if something this catastrophic occurred in the Bay watershed.

Much of the anger is further fueled by the devastating photos of the wildlife and habitat that have been affected by the disas-



PHOTO BY SUSAN STEWART

Shirley Middleton, on left, speaks to the group. Margaret and Bob Cahalan are on the right, an unidentified woman is in the middle at the BP Vigil in Roosevelt Center last week.

ter. Birds, fish and sea turtles are just a few of the species of animals that have been impacted by the oil spill.

"\$17 million is being spent each day on clean-up of the oil spill, which is a small portion of BP's huge profit margin," said Kastner. BP, however, is not the only entity to blame, and vigil attendants were encouraged to get involved, to write to Congress and to review federal regulations when they are in the "notice and comment" stage.

The Obama administration reportedly will be issuing new safety requirements that would reopen offshore oil and gas exploration in shallow waters.

According to its media advisory, MoveOn's goal is to encourage participants to demand an end to oil dependency, to share stories of those affected by the oil spill and to demand removal of the cap on industry liability for damages.

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GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m., for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must pay a \$75 registration fee. All students must buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator, available from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course and can take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

June 21 Reel & Meal On Mid-East Conflict

Next Monday, June 21 at 7 p.m. the next film in the Reel & Meal at the New Deal series will be shown. It is "Refusing to be Enemies: the Zeitouna Story." A special vegan buffet of freshly harvested vegetables from the Three Sisters Demonstration Garden will be available for purchase at 6:30 but attendance at the movie and discussion afterward is free.

About the Film

When 60 years of war and diplomacy have failed to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, can a small group of ordinary citizens succeed? This documentary profiles a self-formed group of 12 ordinary women calling themselves "Zeitouna," the Arab word for "olive tree."

These six Arabs and six Jews weave a tapestry of sisterhood – their journey of personal transformation may pave the way to socio-political transformation and peace. Some are American-born, others immigrants; one is a Holocaust survivor, another is a survivor of the Nakbah terror; their ages span 40 years.

Rather than attempt to answer questions of right and wrong or how to break the deadlock of the Middle East conflict, the documentary suggests how ordinary people might succeed where diplomats and warriors have failed. Runtime is 58 minutes.

Laurie White, a founding member of Zeitouna and also producer/director of the film, will be present to make comments and take questions. Discussion on the issues the film raises will be led by Kay Halpern, a concerned American Jew and an active member of a local area synagogue.

New Officers Elected At GIVES Meeting 2010

by Virginia Beauchamp

Members of GIVES, which was founded in 1993, held their annual membership meeting on Saturday, June 5 in the Greenbelt Community Center. The acronym, which stands for Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, was chosen originally to exemplify both the purpose and the emotional tone of the organization.

About 20 members attended the meeting, which included a potluck luncheon. The total membership includes about 200, some of whom, even though disabled, are still able to participate in various ways.

The organization is called a "care credit" bank, in which members regularly help each other by requesting and receiving services of various kinds from other members. These services are not provided one on one but are recorded by a central bookkeeper; thus, one might accrue value by driving someone to a medical appointment and receive value when someone else rakes the driver's leaves.

Other kinds of services exchanged might be minor home repairs, light housekeeping, grocery shopping, telephone contacts, help with correspondence and reading, clerical help or packing and mending. According to this year's records, from June 1, 2009,

to May 31, 2010, a total of 2,241 credit hours were exchanged by members of the group.

On a scheduled basis some members work the phone for the organization, receiving and filling such requests. The city provides office space in a corner of the senior citizen lounge. The organization's phone number is 301-507-6580.

At the June 5 meeting, office manager Jean Cook described the work situation: "sometimes no one calls; sometimes we cannot keep up with the calls." A new offering this year is internet service, at givesoffice@gmail.com, which was organized by members Kathleen Gallagher and Suze Marley.

Tax Help

A major annual contribution of the organization is the scheduling of free income tax help for seniors that is provided by AARP. The service was offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this year, starting in early February, and held in the American Legion building. Some 250 persons availed themselves of the service.

New officers for the coming year, elected unanimously, were First Vice President Kathleen Gallagher; Second Vice President J Davis; and Treasurer Linda Curtis. Sharon Jacobson continues as president and Mary Chapman as secretary.

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City Notes

Parking Enforcement reports three vehicles were placarded with 48-hour parking notices, one vehicle was booted at the Metro lot and staff responded to three complaints regarding various parking issues.

Planning staff reports a sewer line break at the Roosevelt Center on June 10 affecting Beijing Restaurant, Greenbelt Dry Cleaners, Greenbelt theater and the former Pleasant Touch building. All affected spaces were closed. Facilities/Building Maintenance crew began and continued work with a contractor repairing the broken sewer pipe in front of the Greenbelt Cleaners.

Public Works staff attended a FEMA briefing at Eleanor Roosevelt High School regarding reimbursement of expenses for the February snowstorms.

Recreation Department reports Greenbelt Double Dutch is offering free double dutch classes at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. through the summer months.



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Brick Townhome - Completely remodeled - All new kitchen mod. cabinets appliances & new living room windows, paint, flooring. Priced at \$159,900
Amazing Townhome - Completely remodeled townhome with state-of-the-art kitchen, finished floors, shed and more. \$164,900

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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

Steppin’ Out Dance, Music at GES

by Mimi Noorani

Greenbelt Elementary students have moved, grooved, acted and sung to curricula provided by professional performance artists this past academic year. Three artists in residence helped integrate drama, African dance and Latin American music for both school-wide assemblies and classroom activities with individual students.

Increasing arts opportunities has been a goal of the school and the PTA. In addition to residencies with professional artists, teacher trainings and existing music and visual arts programs, there have been art-oriented field trips to the Community Center, after-school art classes, more arts supplies and a concerted effort to host opportunities for teachers to bring more arts into their classrooms.

“I know that I worked harder to include opportunities for students to express themselves artistically more often this year than in years when it wasn’t a focus,” said sixth grade reading teacher Beth Novick. “During the year, I have seen increased ability and interest in arts such as drawing, designing, singing, drama – all things that can be integrated into reading/language arts with a little effort. As a result, kids created more clever and creative projects. For me, it made teaching more fun. For students it made learning more meaningful.”

During fall 2009 drama teacher and author Lenore Blank Kelner conducted training for all teachers and worked with classes in first, third and fifth grades on techniques for using drama to portray characters in stories and enhance the interpretation of literature. Students were invited to get out of their seats and use their bodies and voices to show their understanding of the characters in the stories being read.

This spring Latin American musicians Cecilia Esquivel and Dani Cortaza held multiple sessions with each kindergarten class to familiarize students with the traditional instruments and music of native, Spanish and Portuguese peoples in Latin America, as well



Vocalist Cecilia Esquivel and Guitarist Dani Cortaza lead kindergarteners on a musical journey through Latin America.

as with the region’s geography, languages and stories.

The entire school attended a Latin music performance by Esquivel’s band Cantare, where members of the group also took time to speak with several of the Latin American students at Greenbelt.

Also this spring members of the professional dance group Dishibem, a contemporary and traditional West African dance company, worked with second, fourth, and sixth grade students and teachers on dances and cultures of Africa. Dishibem’s work culminated in a school-wide assembly on May 19 featuring student performances.

African Dances

Second graders worked diligently with principal Dishibem dancer Deidre Dawkins, learning regional African dances and the stories behind them, particularly those from Mali and Guinea. During the assembly, each second grade class performed a separate dance, sharing the stage with Dawkins. The students complemented Dawkins nicely with their dancing as well as their enthusiastic and joyful expressions.

Fourth and sixth graders worked with Dishibem’s Kwame Opare, whose resume credits include off-Broadway’s Stomp. For the assembly, Kwame arranged his 160 students into intersecting lines.

His piece, inspired by a South African miner’s gumboot dance,

was an interweaving of his callings, clappings and footwork patterns echoed by intricate clappings and footwork of the 160 students. The effectively unified rhythms became music in itself and the piece culminated with a group of fourth graders singing a melodic African song that was complemented by percussive stepping.

Music teacher Dara Case played a leading role in coordinating the residencies. “In addition to providing performing arts opportunities at the school, we looked for these residencies to provide rich cultural experiences and encourage learning by movement,” said Case.

“I found it delightful to see so many of the students performing at an assembly. Students, like anyone, can be a bit anxious about performing but they seemed really proud of their work and did a great job.”

Performing arts residencies and assemblies have been made possible by support from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Prince George’s Arts Council, the Washington Performing Arts Society and the Greenbelt Elementary PTA. The PTA also has received additional funding from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education and the Greenbelt Community Foundation to support arts-integrated learning.

Mimi Noorani is president of the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA.

GES Volunteers Honored

Greenbelt Elementary School added four names of volunteers to its recognition plaques at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 21. The honorees have supported the school on a frequent basis over several years.



Those pictured (left to right) are Charles Tompkins, Dora Hamm, Kimberly Seidel (Principal), Linda Edwards and Lyn Doyle (separate photo).



Saving American Shad

by Beatriz Jose, 4th grade

My name is Beatriz Jose. I am a fourth grader at Greenbelt Elementary School. My classmates and I raised shad eggs. We released them in April at the Old Port of Bladensburg.

Shad eggs are tiny when they are babies. When they are adults, they are huge. Baby shad fish eat only their own egg sacs. We did this experiment because shad are endangered and to save their species. In 1980 they were almost extinct because of pollution. When shad are fully grown, they swim back to where they were hatched and raise their eggs there. They live in Maryland rivers, swim to the Chesapeake Bay and finally into the Atlantic Ocean.

Before the shad arrived, we were really excited, although we had to do a bunch of work. Teachers were strict but I do not blame them. Of course, we were saving the species in our classroom.

The day the shad arrived, we were surprised! They looked so

cute. Their eyes and body were so tiny. Now, we had to work really hard. If shad do not have the right things and they are not healthy, they die.

Setting the shad free was so fun and at the same time sad. A lot of them were alive. We rode there on a bus. When we set them free, we each had a shad fish inside a cup. We counted to three and shouted, “Good-bye Shad!”

I guess all of the hard work paid off. We worked together, we had fun and it was an awesome experience!

Editor’s Note: Jose’s article was submitted by Greenbelt Elementary School fourth grade teacher Molly Simms, who writes her “students were involved in an awesome project to increase the declining shad population in our important streams, rivers, Bay and ocean. As a class assignment, students wrote newspaper articles explaining the project. My students selected this article as the best one.”

ASG Offers Talk on Astrolabes

On Thursday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) meeting will feature a talk by Dr. Harold Williams about “Astrolabes through Dark Ages to Present Dark Matter.”

Williams is the director of the Montgomery College planetarium and teaches astronomy and physics courses at several area colleges. A native of Florida, he

received his bachelor of science from Florida State University, his master of science degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University.

The meeting will be held in Room 103 of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are welcome; the event is free.



Second graders perform their moves to fellow students led by Dishibem dancer Deidre Dawkins.